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The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.



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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 Comm'r Dec. 11 (1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 13, 2002 has been entered.

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Newly-furnished JP 74039757 (see attached Form PTO-1449) doesn't disclose or fairly suggest the instantly-claimed aqueous polysilicate microgel useful as a drainage/dewatering aid or process for preparing it. The JP document has a multistep method for producing a fine silica powder useful for reinforcing rubber.

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3. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lovering whose telephone number is (703) 308-0443. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Dawson, can be reached on (703) 308-2340. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9310.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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